

**CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**  
**Executive Planning Committee**  
**March 24, 2005**  
**Stephen P. Clark Center**  
**111 NW 1st Street**  
**10th Floor Conference Room**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Summary of Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman  
Miles Moss, P.E., Vice-Chairman  
Theodore Wilde  
Hon. Linda Zilber  
Susannah Troner

**ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:**

Bruce Libhaber

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER**

Pete Hernandez, P.E.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nan Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT  
Barbara Bravo, OCITT  
Theejunia Adams, OCITT  
Marlene Amaro, OCITT  
Mayra Bustamante, MDT  
Patty David, OCITT

Roosevelt Bradley, Director, MDT  
Lourdes Gomez, MDT  
David Tinder, PWD  
Winsome Bowen, HDNR, Engineer  
Jeff Easely, Reynolds, Smith &  
Hills, Engineer

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Marc Buoniconti called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 22, 2005**

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the February 22, 2005, minutes. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Wilde and was carried without dissent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – MARC A. BUONICONTI**

Mr. Buoniconti asked Ms. Markowitz to update the members on the Financial Consultant Services Contract. Ms. Markowitz distributed a copy of the draft memorandum to the County Manager regarding the recommendation for approval to award contract No. 463 for Financial Consulting Services with a decrease in the contract amount, as requested by Commissioner Carlos Gimenez, Chairman of the Regional Transportation Committee.

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE – THEODORE WILDE**

Mr. Wilde provided a brief overview of his written report (a copy of the report was distributed). He stated that there was an error in his report on page 2.5, Section 5, in which he stated that the ridership is expected to grow at 1.11% per year, showing a conservative figure.

Carlos de la Torre, MDT, stated that these calculations were based on two formulas:

1. The Simpson Curtain Method which is approximately forty-five years old.
2. The Arrhythmia Method which is approximately fifteen years old.

Mr. De La Torre stated that as of today, none of these models are applicable, since there has been no fare increase in more than fifteen years; there has been no way to gauge the elasticity of one year to the next. He further stated that there are other methods being examined at this time.

#### **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – LINDA ZILBER**

Ms. Zilber announced that the next External Affairs Committee meeting, is scheduled on April 26, 2005, at 9 a.m. In addition, Ms. Zilber stated that the Committee discussed in-house packages for public service announcements utilizing Miami-Dade County's Cable Network.

#### **PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE – MILES MOSS**

No Report

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – NAN A. MARKOWITZ**

Ms. Markowitz distributed a copy of a thank you letter addressed to Congressman Diaz-Balart for his support of public transportation, at the request of Ms. Troner. She further stated that Mr. Givens made a request for the CITT to host a congressional reception. Ms. Lynn Harris of MDT was contacted to determine how this could be accomplished. Ms. Markowitz further announced that:

- Mr. Pepe Valdes is retiring as of April 8, 2005; and
- Ms. Zenaida Hernandez has accepted a position with MDT's Coral Way office.

Mr. Libhaber stated that the BCC approved Ordinance #02-117, allowing an individual on active military duty to be placed on a leave of absence. The BCC authorized that the vacancy could be maintained in increments of ninety days (90). These increments would continue until the person returns from leave or until the original term ends.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### ***MIAMI RIVER TUNNEL FEASIBILITY STUDY***

Ms. Markowitz announced that David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD, and the City of Miami consultants were present to discuss some of the concerns raised regarding the Miami River Tunnel Feasibility Study. Mr. Wilde summarized the documents received regarding the recommendation of David Plummer and Associates, in favor of a tunnel under the Miami River; stating that the documents did not state whether the project was economically feasible.

Mr. David Tinder, PWD, introduced Ms. Winsome Bowen with HDNR engineering consultants for the City of Miami. He commented that purpose of the project is for the public to have access from the Brickell area into the downtown area without having to wait when the bridge is raised. Mr. Moss asked if the project is going to be cost beneficial, and if there are any additional cost alternatives. Ms. Bowen responded that the intent of the feasibility study is to determine if the tunnel is technically feasible. She added that it would be necessary to look at the conceptual cost estimate of building a tunnel. Ms. Bowen assured the Members that the study reviews the tunnel as well as other options.

Mr. Bruce Libhaber stated that the scope of services clearly states that it is a tunnel feasibility study only.

Mr. Buoniconti suggested scheduling a Special Executive Planning Committee at 2 p.m., prior to the Full Trust meeting on March 30, 2005. Mr. Tinder stated that the revised scope of services would be forwarded to the Trust as soon as possible.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MIAMI TO PROVIDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 FOR THE MIAMI RIVER TUNNEL FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director, MDT, requested that the item be placed on the March 30, 2005, Full Trust agenda. He further stated that the County Manager would have additional information available prior to the meeting.

Ms. Bustamante stated that the County Manager is requesting that MDT begin making payments for fiscal year 05-06. She stated that by starting an immediate payment plan, the deficit can be paid between the years 2017 and 2019. Ms. Bustamante also added that because the contract is between two county departments it is not a binding contract. After much discussion, Mr. Buoniconti recommended the Committee take no action until the item has gone through the Committees process and then forwarded to the full Trust for consideration. The vote was unanimous to table this item until the next Full Trust meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Executive Planning Committee meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

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